

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 469 without my signature.

I vetoed a nearly identical bill (AB 444, Yee) last year based on supporting a more direct approach in impacting student health and nutrition in schools, such as my comprehensive nutrition package I signed last year. As I state in the last veto messages, simply revising state level guidelines without any implementation or enforcement mechanism does not address the proliferation of unhealthy foods in any effective or timely manner. Since this bill is substantially similar, the veto message remains applicable.

I would welcome a bill next year that attempts to increase the quality of food served on California school campuses by eliminating meals with unhealthy trans fats and those foods fried in unhealthy oils, as much as practically possible.

For this reason, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger